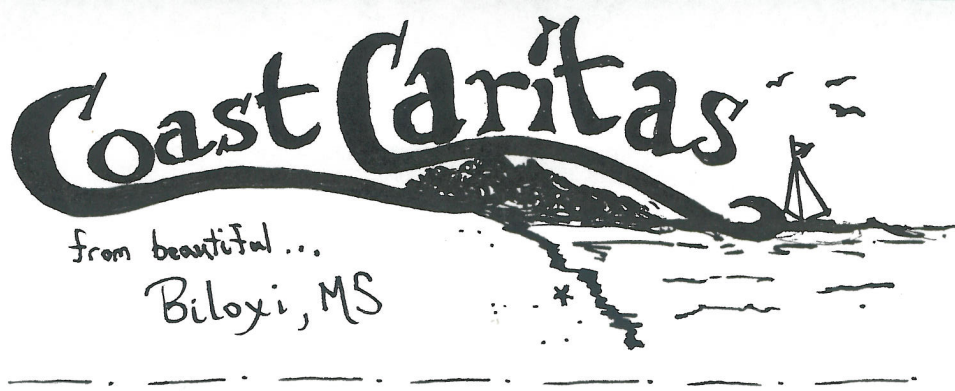


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To my brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that this newsletter finds you all well and at peace! Quite a bit has happened since the first letter. For one, I now have access to a computer at the library, so you don't have to endure my horrible typewriter skills (or lack thereof.) Also, I have found full-time work at a casino, and this has allowed my apostolic work to become more focused and intense.

I chose to work in a casino for many reasons. The casino industry is now the chief factor in Biloxi's economy. Biloxi used to be known as the "seafood capital of the world", but casinos have largely replaced the oyster and shrimp industries. Thousands of people of every race, age, and economic level work in the eight Biloxi casinos. This wide variety of humanity forces me to develop my apostolate so that I can practice the "Universal Brotherhood" that Br. Charles wrote and preached about. And, even though the casinos are not, as many Christians believe, evil institutions, they do not encourage virtue. Thus, it is of great importance that devoted followers of Christ work in casinos, sanctifying them from within through constant prayer and works of charity.

My work is as a security guard, a job that I truly love. There is no violence involved, and 98% of the work is interacting with hundreds of people every day. Yet, it offers a unique chance to be "solitary within the crowd"—when I am sitting at one of the entrances or walking the gaming floors, I can be alone in prayer and meditation in the midst of thousands.

As for my free time, it is spent in prayer, working with the local St. Vincent de Paul society (which assists the poor), and kayaking on the Gulf. Now that my life is stable and I have regular income, I plan on including meditations in future newsletters. I always have the time (and an empty room!) should anyone want to come visit for a mudbug (crawfish) dinner and a tour!

May God richly bless you,

Matthew ☩

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